

TO BOMBARD THE CITY OF MESSINA

**Warships Will Complete Destruction
of Overwhelmed City to Pre-
vent Epidemic.**

Rome, Jan. 1.—It is beginning to be possible to observe something of the precise idea of the extent of the catastrophe caused by the earthquake. Messina is said to look like a town that has been bombed for hours by the Luftwaffe. It is still possible that some inhabitants it is still impossible to say how many perished. There is a possibility that a third have survived. In any case it is safe to say that 100,000 people were buried beneath the wreckage.

In thirty seconds Italy lost more of her children than did Russia in the whole year of her war with Japan. This was the most sanguinary it seems certain that all the world has known.

the shore and hills near Reggio have been annihilated. Without counting the lesser centres of population the following have been almost totally destroyed—

Reggio	60.000
Livorno	3.000
Scylla	5.000
Bagnara	10.000
Villa San Giovanni ..	12.000
Totale	100.000

Inland towns and villages have suffered enormously. The strait of Messina may indeed be said to have been the center of the the cataclysm which spread to the right and left, overwhelming cities and killing thousands.

The Fall of Messina.
London, Jan. 2.—A description of the fall of Messina as witnessed from the

"About five o'clock in the morning," he writes, "I was awakened by a low growling, like distant thunder, which

made me get up and look at the sleeping town. Then, all of a sudden the Afonwen gave a terrible lurch and broke her anchor chains and started going fast shorewards, from whence

more terrible to hear by the fact that all lights had gone out: everywhere. "The sea was agitated in an utterly indescribable manner. To my eyes it seemed to grow livid and then to become white with foam while the dead

of the Afonwen was keeling over at such an angle that I could scarcely keep my feet. As soon as I could I looked about me after the worst of the tidal waves had passed. I was at the

...had isolated the town, but I could see nothing of the houses ashore and a vast eddying cloud of dust which speedily enveloped everything settled down over the ship like a fog."

The Work of Rescue.
Mossins, Jan. 2.—Several Russian soldiers have been killed during the rescue work by falling walls. It is almost incredible that the unfortunate

will survive. But the search still goes on. The city has been divided into districts and the work of rescue in each district is in charge of army officers. Very few children have been found alive in Messina, while at Re-

do large numbers of children have been taken alive from the ruins. Eight hundred dead soldiers are under the wreckage of the Messina barracks. The corpses being removed.

...and British squadrons have
tailed in establishing a hospital at
the trolley station and another at the
maritime police station, in Messina.

Another Tidal Wave.
Naples, Jan. 2.—Another tidal wave was swept through the Straits of Messina, it is reported here. The steam-

persons that are expected here today have not yet been sighted and fears are entertained for their safety. The vessels may have sought shelter at some one of the islands along the coast, but efforts to locate them have

Honor Foreign Soldiers.
The British and Russian soldiers

Another town, Castoreal, has been added to the lists of devastated localities. Not a house escaped. The streets are filled with deadening smoke.

and accompanying survivors seeking friends and relatives and crying aloud for food and water. The town had a population of about 1,000.

New York, Jan. 1.—The Herald correspondent wires from Messina: "I am informed that in three days, when all hope of saving the wounded will have disappeared, warships will bombard Messina to bury the bodies under

the rule, and prevent the development of an epidemic. This decision, I am told was reached today aboard the battleship Regina Helena by General Gorgo. He, this formidable man, is the

"The quays and streets have been reduced to piles of ruins. The starving population yesterday attacked the

... of Italy but were repulsed by soldiers guarding the building. The made use of their arms and main

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